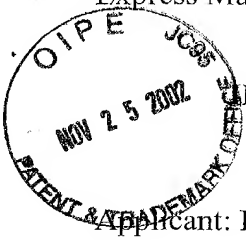


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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TC 2800 MAIL ROOM

Applicant: Dunlap et al.

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For: MECHANICAL JOINING FOR  
WATER-COOLED MOTOR  
FRAME

Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: Tamai, K.

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Box RCE  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following amendment submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002, and made final.

IN THE CLAIMS

✓ Please cancel Claims 16-24.

1. (once amended) A stator frame for an electric motor, said stator frame comprising:

a substantially cylindrical shaped body section having opposed ends, and a cooling passageway extending through at least a portion of said body section, said cooling passageway comprising a cooling conduit;

an inlet port and an outlet port in flow communication with said cooling passageway;  
and

at least one spacer bar comprising a notched side and at least one finger projecting outwardly from said notched side, said at least one finger crimpable around said cooling conduit such that upon crimping said at least one finger extends circumferentially around said